(c) to (e) The National Focus Group on Health and Physical Education, one of the 21 National Focus Groups set up by the NCERT as part of the exercise of framing the National Curriculum Framework 2005, examined, deliberated and arrived at certain conclusions in respect of this area. Under food & nutrition, the Committee recommended that the mid-day meal programme and medical check ups should be the part of the curriculm of school education. The Committee also recommended that Health and Physical Education must be treated at par with all other subjects being taught at the school stage.

Mungekar Commission on University Fees

1484. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Mungekar Commission has recommended reduction in university fees;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have accepted its recommendations;

(d) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI) (a) and (b) As per Report of the Central Advisory Board of Education (CABE) Committee on Financing of Higher and Technical Education under the Chairmanship of Prof. Bhalchandra Mungekar, rates of cost of recovery in higher edcation are already fairly high in many universities, and the scope for any further increase in cost recovery is extremely limited. Further increases in the same, particularly thorough student fees, will be highly regressive, in effect.

(c) and (d) The Rport of the Committee was discussed at the meeting of the CABE held on July 14-15, 2005. After extensive discussions, the CABE has broadly accepted the Report of the Committee.

(e) Does not arise.